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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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This is in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2007. This paper is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 13, 2007 to February 13, 2008.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks**, including arguments, begin on page 3 of this paper.